Title: Need for construction of high level bridges over rivers Ravi and Beas on Gurdaspur Mukerian Road and Gurdaspur Kathua Road respectively.

SHRI VINOD KHANNA (GURDASPUR): In my constituency, Gurdaspur, there is a need to construct two high-level bridges over rivers Ravi and Beas on Gurdaspur Mukerian Road and Gurdaspur Kathua Road which have rendered people of either side of both Ravi and Beas immobile. Incredibly, the water flowing into the rivers within the country illustrates more in the nature of an LOC on the border. The fact is that the poor farmers of Punjab have to pay heavy toll taxes to Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh and bear double transportation costs to enter into Punjab from Punjab. It is because re-routing costs them a stretch upto 80 kilometres and more. Therefore, construction of these bridges is of such vital importance and indispensable since even the produce of small farmers decays wherever it grows. People of either parts of the rivers Ravi and Beas do not marry in one another's families. I demand that construction of these two bridges may be brought under the jurisdiction of National Highway Authority of India through the Government funding or construction may be permitted on the basis of Central Loan Assistance Programme for State Roads in respect of Inter-State Roads because of economic importance.